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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US-POLISH AVIATION CONSULTATIONS

REF: WARSAW 21?7

1. DEPARTMENT BECOMING INCREASINGLY VEXED OVER POLISH
POLICIES AND TACTICS AND BELIEVES TIME HAS COME TO BRING
ISSUES TO A HEAD. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO
CONVEY FOLLOWING REMARKS ORALLY TO APPROPRIATE SENIOR
LEVELS IN MFA:

A. US HAS APPROVED LOT'S TARIFF FOR UPCOMING SUMMER SEASON
AND HAS OTHERWISE DONE NOTHING TO PREVENT LOT FROM FULLY
EXERCISING ITS RIGHTS UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENT. NOR HAS
US ATTEMPTED STAND IN WAY OF ANY CHARTER FLIGHTS DESIRED
BY LOT.

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B. POLAND, HOWEVER, HAS DISAPPROVED A NUMBER OF US AIRLINE
CHARTER FLIGHTS (ALBEIT SOME HAVE BEEN APPROVED); HAS
BEEN UNABLE TO ALLOW WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT TO USE WARSAW
AIRPORT THIS YEAR; HAS NOT FULFILLED SALES QUOTA IN 1977
FOR PAN AM; AND, HAS NOT APPROVED PAN AM'S MATCHING FARE
FILING.

C. TO ADD TO PROBLEMS, POLAND NOW WANTS TO POSTPONE CONSULTATIONS FOR A MONTH, AFTER PREVIOUSLY AGREEING TO MEET ON APRIL 3. ONE EFFECT OF SUCH DELAY WOULD BE TO JEOPARDIZE CONTINUED PAN AM SERVICE TO WARSAW BECAUSE OF ITS ALREADY COMMITTED PLAN TO OPERATE VIA VIENNA.

D. US IS WILLING TO POSTPONE CONSULTATIONS UNTIL MAY ON CONDITION THAT POLAND ALLOWS PAN AM TO SERVE WARSAW, EFFECTIVE APRIL 29, 1978, VIA VIENNA WITHOUT LOCAL TRAFFIC RIGHTS BETWEEN VIENNA AND WARSAW PENDING OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS. IF THIS CONDITION IS UNACCEPTABLE AND IF POLAND CONTINUES TO REFUSE TO HOLD PROMPT CONSULTATIONS, AS REQUIRED BY PARA 4 OF THE AUGUST 26, 1976 EXCHANGE OF NOTES, THE US WILL BE FORCED TO CONCLUDE THAT POLAND HAS NOT ACTED CONSISTENTLY WITH ITS AGREEMENT OBLIGATIONS AND IT WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ACT ACCORDINGLY. VANCE

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